

# **DEVICE FOR PROTECTING AN OBJECT FROM ENCROACHING ELEMENTS**

## **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

Disclosed is a barrier for protecting an object from encroaching elements. In one embodiment, the object is a utility pole and the barrier comprises an organic bentonite-based material and an outer boundary surface. The organic bentonite-based material may be formed substantially of sodium bentonite. The outer boundary surface may be an annular plastic sheet. Alternatively, the outer boundary surface may comprise the edges of a depression formed around the utility pole. The barrier may be disposed about any object that requires protection from encroaching elements, such as, but not limited to, fences, fence posts, poles, buildings, etc.

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